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2. The report deals extensively with military units

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| a) Headquarters at Khabarovsk | e) Divisional Artillery Group |
| b) 17th Rifle Division | f) Junior Specialists' Quartermaster School |
| c) 63rd Rifle Division | g) Vladivostok Transit Point |
| d) 224th Rifle Regiment | h) Voroshilov Transit Point |
| | i) 25th Army Hospital at Spassk -Dalniy. |

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A. GROUND FORCES

a. Headquarters

1. Far East Military District Headquarters at Khabarovsk

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Location

Subject headquarters is housed in a group of buildings located in a central section of Khabarovsk.

Subordinate Units, Schools, Services

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1. Three armies, with headquarters located as follows:

- a. 5th Army: "Military citadel" of Voroshilov.
- b. 25th Army: "Military citadel" of Spassk-Dalnyy.
- c. Unidentified army: in Khabarovsk or Olga.

2. School for Junior Specialists of the Quartermaster Service, located in the Vladivostok area.

3. The "Peresilnyy Punkt Okruga" of Vladivostok and that of Voroshilov.

Each of the three abovementioned armies has three divisions under its jurisdiction.

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2. 17th Rifle Division at Slavyanka (?)

Until the beginning of 1955, subject unit, stationed in China, had headquarters at Port Arthur. The 48th Infantry regiment, a component of subject unit, was stationed at Chinchou (Kinchow).

In July 1956, the division returned to the USSR and was stationed at Slavyanka. This information relating to the 17th Division's repatriation is based on hearsay.

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another division, analogous to the 17th Division, arrived at Port Arthur to replace it. The replacement division apparently was moved to Port Arthur "on the sly," for when the 17th Division moved out it was said that the USSR would no longer send any of its troops to China.

3. 63d Rifle Division in Bukhta Olga Area (?)

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Location

Division headquarters is located in a locality

about 3 kilometers north of Bukhta Olga.

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Subordination

Subject division is believed to be a component of the 25th Army, which has its headquarters at Spassk-Dalnyy.

Commanding Officer

Brigadier General (one star) Smirnov

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Subordinate Units

1. 224th Rifle Regiment, at Bukhta Olga.

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Att. [redacted]

2. 523d Rifle Regiment, in an unidentified locality, about 9 kilometers northeast of Bukhta Olga.

3. Divisional artillery group, at Bukhta Olga, in the same barracks as the 224th Rifle Regiment.

b. Troops

1. 224th Rifle Regiment at Bukhta Olga (?)

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General Remarks

Subject regiment was decorated with the order of "Sverniki," hero of the Russian revolution.

Quarters

The regiment is housed in barracks located 7 to 8 kilometers from the outskirts of Bukhta Olga [redacted]

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Subordination

Subject regiment is a component of the 63d Infantry Division.

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Strength

The regiment is at reduced strength and has about 800 to 900 men.

Table of Organization

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1. Regimental units:

- a. Headquarters unit
- b. Services unit
- c. Signal unit

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Att. [redacted]

2. Component battalions: two battalions (1st and 2d).

Officer Cadres

1. Headquarters officers:

- a. Commanding officer: Colonel Pavlov [redacted]

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b. Deputy commanding officer and chief of the "Operations Section": Lt Col Aleksandr Ivanovich Rumyantsov.

- c. Barracks commandant: Major Kluyev.

- d. Political officer: Captain Grecko.

2. Unit commanders:

- a. Commanding officer, 2d Battalion: Captain Kuznetsov.

Regimental Units

Services Unit

About 70 men strong.

Signal Unit

About 35 men strong; composed of three squads of 11-12 men each, as follows: radio operators squad, telephone operators squad, and line-men's squad.

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[redacted] However, it is very efficient equipment of excellent quality. There are no complaints in this respect on the part of the personnel assigned to the handling of the equipment. The equipment now in use was issued to the regiment between 1954 and 1955, replacing the equipment issued and used during World War II.

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Subordinate Battalions

The two battalions of the regiment have equal strength, organization, and armament.

The 2d Battalion is discussed below.

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2d Battalion

Strength

About 360 men.

Table of Organization

-3 rifle companies (4th, 5th, and 6th); the 1st, 2d, and 3d companies are components of the 1st Battalion.

-1 signal company.

-1 mixed artillery battery.

-1 antiaircraft battery.

-1 engineer platoon.

Commanding Officer

Captain Kuznetsov

Rifle Companies

The battalion's three rifle companies have equal strength, organization, and armament.

Each company is about 60 men strong and consists of 3 platoons, each composed of 3 squads of 6-7 men each.

The armament of the companies is as follows:

a. Individual armament, consisting of 32-round Shpagin sub-machine guns (50 percent) and 10-round, 7.62-mm carbines (50 percent).

b. Unit (squad) armament, consisting of one portable machine gun, (weighing 9 kilograms, equipped with bipod, issued to regiment at the beginning of 1956); and one 50-mm rocket launcher (bazooka), an antitank weapon.

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Att. [REDACTED]

c. In addition, each company has a "nucleus," called "Pulemet-chik," composed of a noncommissioned officer (in charge) and 3 privates, and armed as follows: one new-type, 12-kilogram machine gun, and 4 Shpagin submachine guns (individual weapons). This "nucleus" is charged with its company's last-ditch defense (suicide unit?).

d. When the unit is put on a war footing, it is to be issued one flame-thrower per squad.

Signal Company

About 35 men strong; composed of a radio operators platoon, a telephone operators platoon, and a linemen's platoon.

Mixed Artillery Battery

About 50 to 60 men strong; composed of 3 sections; and with the following armament:

a. Individual armament: pistols issued to officers; Shpagin submachine guns and 10-round carbines issued to noncommissioned officers and privates.

b. Unit (battery) armament: 85-mm, 120-mm, and 125-mm guns; and 120-mm mortars.

New-type Cannon Issued to Battery

At the Beginning of 1956, subject battery was issued an undetermined number of cannon of a new type [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] this model comes in two versions:

one for artillery units of infantry regiments; and the other for artillery regiments. This latter type is considerably more powerful than the type issued to infantry regiments [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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[redacted] This 25X1
 cannon, called "otkachnaya pushka" (literally, "recoiling cannon"), weighs 25X1
 80 to 90 kilograms, is about 50 centimeters high, has a 40-mm caliber, and
 the length of its barrel is 50 to 60 centimeters. Its wheels have approxi- 25X1
 mately the same diameter as those of [redacted] motorscooter [redacted]
 [redacted] and are equipped with low-pressure pneumatic tires 25X1
 which are considerably wider than those of said motorscooter. The cannon
 has a range of 200 kilometers (?) [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] perhaps the cannon has an
 armor-piercing capacity of 200 millimeters. The shells for this cannon
 are about 20 centimeters long and blue-, green- and red-tipped, according
 to type (tracer, fragmentation, and piercing shells). [redacted] 25X1
 [redacted] The ammunition
 is contained in boxes of the following dimensions: length, 50 centimeters;
 width, 25 centimeters; height, 25 centimeters.

In sum, the principal characteristics of this cannon are as follows: (1) exceptional range (or piercing capacity), and (2) maneuverability as a result of small size and limited weight.

AA Artillery Battery

Strength: about 60 men.

Composition: 3 sections.

Armament:

Individual armament: pistols for officers; Shpagin submachine guns and 10-round carbines for noncommissioned officers and men.

Unit armament: an undetermined number of 12-mm AA machine guns of unknown type, with 3, 4, 4, 9, and 12 barrels.

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Gun crews: the number of men assigned to these guns varies from 2 men for 3-barrel machine guns to 5 men and a gun commander for 12-barrel machine guns. The crew of a gun of this latter type is composed of a gun commander (non-commissioned officer), a fuze setter, 2 gunners, and 2 servers.

Traction: the various types of guns, mortars, and AA machine guns of the two batteries of the regiment are drawn by GAS-63 trucks. When in tow, the 12-barrel AA machine guns resemble field kitchens.

Engineer Platoon

Strength: about 30 men.

Employment: (1) laying and clearing of mine fields; (2) construction of pontoon bridges.

Armament:

Individual armament: Shpagin submachine guns and 10-round carbines for noncommissioned officers and men.

Unit armament: an undetermined number of "small mortars.

Training:

Marches: frequent day and night marches averaging 25 kilometers, following alerts (once such a march covered 75 kilometers).

Alerts: the men are especially trained to carry out with maximum speed the various operations necessary in case of an alert. It is expected that the units be ready to move within 5 minutes after the necessary signal is given. The slower men are caused to repeat the exercise for hours each day until they learn to dress within 60 seconds. Often the time usually devoted to physical training is devoted to this alert exercise; the men go to bed, rise, dress, arm themselves, put on their equipment, and line up, repeating this series of operations over and over until they reach the point of automatism.

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Discipline: strict but fair. The officers take an interest in the enlisted men; reprimands and punishment are not meted out with a heavy hand. If a soldier does wrong, his reasons are heard; there is no maltreatment, no scolding.

A still frequently employed form of punishment for minor infractions consists in shaving the offender's head. In general, most breaches of discipline are committed by personnel who are less physically able to withstand the labors of military service. There are always a few such men in every unit, since not a great deal of attention is paid at induction time to the physical fitness of recruits.

Services

a. Medical

Medical officers: a captain (not further identified).

Infirmary: equipped with about 20 beds.

Medical aid: good; drugs available in sufficient quantity.

Seriously ill personnel are sent to the 25th army hospital at Spassk-Dalnyy.

b. Automotive

There are about 100 trucks of the following types: GAS-63, GAS-57, and Studebaker.

Storage Facilities

Ammunition for all regimental weapons (including artillery) is stored in a closed shed, about 12X5 meters in size, with gabled sheet-metal roof, enclosed by a double wire fence. There is also ammunition for 220-mm howitzers, which constitute the armament of a divisional artillery group (described in the following section) which is housed in the same barracks as subject regiment.

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2. Divisional Artillery Group at Bukhta Olga (?)

Subject group is a component of the 63d Rifle Division.

Quarters

Subject unit is housed in the same barracks as the 224th Rifle Regiment (described above).

General Remarks

The group is composed of 3 batteries and is armed with 220-mm howitzers drawn by tracked vehicles.

Barracks of 224th Rifle Regiment and 63d Division Artillery Group

Location

7 to 8 kilometers from the outskirts of Bukhta Olga

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Description

(Note: the numerals listed below refer to those used in the attached sketch to indicate the various buildings)

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1. Regimental headquarters: 2-story building
- 2, 3. Quarters for troops: two 2-story buildings, each of which houses the personnel of one battalion.

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4. Quarters for troops: building identical to No. 2 above; half of it houses the divisional artillery group, while the other half houses the regimental companies.

5. Officers mess, enlisted men's mess, and their respective kitchens: closed shed.

6. Post exchange: small closed shed, where food may be purchased also by the families of officers and noncommissioned officers.

7. Infirmary: closed shed with a capacity of about 20 beds.

8. Ammunition depot: closed shed, about 12X5 meters, enclosed by a double wire fence.

9. Guard house.

The complex is not enclosed.

c. Schools

School for Junior Specialists of the
Quartermaster Service at Vladivostok

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Subordination

The school comes under the jurisdiction of the Far East Military District, with headquarters in Khabarovsk.

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Name

"Shkola Mladshikh Spetsialistov Intendantskoy Sluzhby" (School for Junior Specialists of the Quartermaster Service).

Commanding Officer

Lieutenant Colonel Chernikh.

Instructors

Major Karpenko, culinary instructor.

Courses

The school gives courses for cooks, shoemakers, store-keepers, clerks, and male nurses.

All students attending these courses are members of organizations and units which come under the jurisdiction of the Far East Military District.

Upon completion of the courses, students are given assignments according to the need for their services.

The course for cooks lasts 8 months; the other courses, 6 months.

Number of Students

The number of students attending the various courses during the period from January-February 1954 to June 1955 was: cooks course, about 250; shoemakers, about 150; storekeepers, about 70; clerks, about 100; and male nurses, about 450.

Characteristics of Courses

courses at subject school as "not heavy." Theoretical^{25X1} instruction is alternated with practical training throughout the duration of the courses. Upon completion of the courses, the students are well-trained.

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d. Services Att.

1. "Peresilnyy Punkt Okruza" at Vladivostok

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Location

In the Stantsiya II Rechka district of Vladivostok, in an outlying area, about 15 minutes [drive?] from the center of the city, on the road leading to the airport.

Subordination

Subject installation comes under the jurisdiction of the Far East Military District, with headquarters in Khabarovsk.

General Remarks

There are several "peresilnyy punkt" in the Far East Military District, including the one at Vladivostok and another at Voroshilov. The functions of these installations are:

- a. At the time of induction of a new conscription class (once per year, in autumn, since 1955), recruits are inducted and classified there, and then assigned to their permanent units (within the Far East Military District).
- b. When a military class is separated from service, the necessary discharge processing is carried out there.

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c. During the entire year, subject installation assists transient military personnel (officers, noncommissioned officers, and troops), providing them with food and quarters.

Premises and Organization

The Vladivostok "peresilnyy punkt okruga" has four "enormous" buildings, several stories high, capable of accommodating a total of about 20,000 men.

There are three mess halls, each of which can accommodate up to 2,500 persons at a time. At induction time, meals are served in three shifts, and 6,000 to 7,000 persons are fed at each mess hall twice daily (noon and evening).

Personnel

Permanently assigned, personnel are: about 100 officers, about 150 noncommissioned officers, and about 450 privates. At induction time, additional personnel, particularly cooks, are assigned, as needed, to the "peresilnyy punkt okruga."

Induction Processing

Induction processing of a given conscription class last an average of 4 months. Recruits come to the "peresilnyy punkt okruga" in echelons and are sent to their assigned units after 4 to 6 days.

Number of Recruits

In fall 1955, about 100,000 to 120,000 recruits were inducted at the Vladivostok "peresilnyy punkt okruga" and sent from there to their assigned units.

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2. "Peresilnyy Punkt Okruga" at Voroshilov

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Location

In the Voroshilov "citaded," in an outlying area, 2 to 3 kilometers from the city.

Subordination

Subject installation comes under the jurisdiction of the Far East Military District, with headquarters in Khabarovsk.

General Remarks

The functions of the Voroshilov "peresilnyy punkt okruga" are the same as those of the one at Vladivostok. [REDACTED] 25X1

[REDACTED] there are no substantial differences between the two installations with regard to their functions are concerned.

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3. 25th Army Hospital at Spassk-Dalnyy

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Location

In the "military citadel" which houses the headquarters of the 25th Army, in the outskirts of Spassk-Dalnyy.

Subordination

The hospital comes under the jurisdiction of the 25th Army.

Description

The hospital consists of a number of well-kept buildings, irregularly located in a rather small area. The equipment observed in the odontological department is new, modern, and efficient.

Treatments and Medicines

[redacted] patients receive proper therapeutic treatment and [redacted] there is no shortage of medicines.

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e. Miscellaneous

1. Antiatomic Shelters in the USSR

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General Remarks

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a. Construction of antiatomic shelters (begun in 1953) has been completed in all the large cities of the USSR

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b. Work was still in progress on construction of such shelters in smaller localities.

c. A war will not find Russia unprepared; the entire population will be adequately protected.

During said periods of instruction on atomic defense, the troops were shown sketches of various types of antiatomic shelters under construction; Source was unable to describe them.

2. Arms Classification in the USSR

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General Remarks

Arms and other war material in the USSR are classified, on the basis of unknown criteria but presumably on the basis of their power and employment, with numbers ranging from one upward. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] No. 1, missiles; No. 2, H bomb; No. 3, atomic bomb; No. 4 or 5, atomic submarine; No. 5 or 6, rocket; No. 40, "Katyusha."

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3. Intercontinental Missiles, Air Defense of Soviet Territory

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General Remarks

[redacted] the USSR has had inter-continental missiles since 1955. [redacted]

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"The Soviet Union has missiles capable of reaching America directly from bases located in the USSR." [redacted]

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[redacted] the Soviet Union does not fear possible sudden air attacks by Western powers, since the protective net spread over the USSR (no specific data given) is sufficient to guarantee the country's security.

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4. Size of Conscription Class in USSR

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General Remarks

The average size of a conscription class in the USSR is reportedly about 3 million men.

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B. ECONOMIC INFORMATION

War Industry

1. Tank Factory at Khabarovsk

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Location

About 5 kilometers west of Khabarovsk, at the end of a path which starts at the southern outskirts of the city.

The factory can be reached also by a branch of the highway leading to Jaoho [Zhaoke in Russian]

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Remarks

a. It has been active since the war; it is not known whether it is a new installation or an old one converted to a different type of production.

b. It operates on 3 shifts.

[redacted] a
brick smokestack.

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Characteristics of New Type of Tank

The presentation of the new tank to the 224th Rifle Regiment, which was taken to Khabarovsk for that purpose, was made by a colonel who came expressly from Moscow.

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The new tank, the body of which is not strikingly different from that of other types of tanks, weighs 40 tons and has two cannon.

[redacted] The turret has
two humps, out of each of which protrudes a gun barrel, about 2.50 meters long. These guns, whose caliber is unknown, are parallel, about 50 centimeters apart [redacted]

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[redacted]
(Note: reports of the existence of tanks with two cannon each were confirmed some time ago.)

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Att. [REDACTED]

The peculiar characteristic of this tank is that it has a sort of outer protective "envelop," from which the tank proper can be removed, from the rear, by using some special devices.

[REDACTED] the tank crew 25X1
[REDACTED] practical demonstration. The "envelope" remained on the spot, while the tank, after a series of quick maneuvers, proceeded in the direction of the factory.

[REDACTED] the 25X1
"envelope," [REDACTED] is roughly as high as the body of the tank, not including the turret. The purpose of the "envelope" is to protect the tank as much as possible in combat areas. If the vehicle is hit by one or more projectiles, in most cases the "envelope" will be damaged, while the tank will be able to continue to operate efficiently. [REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED]

2. Tank Assembly Factory at Khabarovsk

[REDACTED] 25X1

General Remarks

[REDACTED] 25X1
[REDACTED] there is another factory which assembles and repairs tanks.
Some of the parts and components used are reportedly produced by the factory itself.

C. AIR FORCE

Att: [REDACTED]

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Spassk-Dalnyy Military Airfield

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Type and Employment

Armed military airfield. There was probably a pilots school there during the period in question. [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] the colonel in charge used to "rail" against the pilots, who, in his opinion, were not too competent from the professional standpoint.

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[REDACTED] the colonel "grumble" even during meals.

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The airfield operates at full efficiency, judging by the intensive flying activity there.

Location

The airfield is located on the south-southwest outskirts of Spassk-Dalnyy [REDACTED]

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Nearby Airfields

Two other airfields, on which no details are available, are located in the vicinity of subject airport. Guard duty at those two airfields is performed by personnel from subject airfield.

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Size of Airfield Area

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Estimated at about 5,000X2,000 meters.

Condition of Field

Grassy surface. The parking and landing areas are covered with steel mats ("grelle"). Serviceability in July 1955 was excellent.

Nearby Obstacles

The area around the airfield is wooded (oaks, acacias, pines).

Aircraft Observed

About 100 MIG-15s and MIG-17s (one-seaters and two-seaters).

Number of Personnel

Officers, 70 to 80; noncommissioned officers and privates, 450 to 500.

Commanding Officer

A colonel (not further identified).

Activity

Continuous activity from dawn to sunset; there is also a fair amount of night activity.

Runways

There are three parallel runways, about 50 meters (?) apart, laid out lengthwise in the area covered with steel mats.

Aircraft Parking Area

Area covered with steel mats, about 500 meters in size, located between the officers mess and the head of the runways.

Climatic Data

The weather was fair

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Barracks and Other Buildings

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1. Airfield headquarters.
2. Officers mess. Meals are consumed in three shifts of 25 to 30 officers each.
3. Troop kitchen and mess hall.
4. Troop quarters.
5. Guard house.

Surveillance and Defense

The guard house is located outside the airfield

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Thirty men are assigned exclusively to guarding the airfield. Other personnel (number unknown) are detailed to guard the two nearby airfields.

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D. NAVY

1. Unidentified Naval Command at Vladivostok

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General Remarks

[redacted] a naval command in Vladivostok, 25X1
with the designation "TIL-FOF" (meaning unknown). This command is under an
admiral or a rear admiral.

2. Unidentified Naval Infantry Unit at Vladivostok

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Location

About 2 kilometers from the center of Vladivostok, on the road leading
to the airport, across from the "peresilnyy punkt okruga," [redacted] 25X1

- [redacted]
1. Naval infantry unit.
 2. Peresilnyy punkt okruga.
 3. Airport.

3. Naval Infantry Battalion at Bukhta Olga (?)

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Att [REDACTED]

Location

Subject unit is housed in barracks located 7 or 8 kilometers from the outskirts of Bukhta Olga, near the barracks.

4. Atomic Artillery Gun Emplacements at Russkiy Ostrov (?)

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General Remarks

[REDACTED] by the Russkiy Ostrov islet,
[REDACTED] nothing of particular interest; only a single house was visible.

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED] the entire islet is mined and [REDACTED] on it there are atomic artillery batteries manned by the Navy.

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